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SUBJECT: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE REQUESTED FOR GERMAN
(NDR) TV PRODUCER

1. POST REQUESTS THAT ADDRESSEES BE PREPARED TO OFFER BRIEFINGS AND FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER TO DR. HANS W. BERG, ASIAN AFFAIRS EDITOR AND PRODUCER OF NORDDEUTSCHER RUNDFUNK (NDR) AND AN ACCOMPANYING CAMERA/SOUND TEAM. BERG WILL BE PREPARING A 45 MINUTE DOCUMENTARY ON THE UNITED STATES AS A PACIFIC POWER. NDR IS MAJOR SUPPLIER OF PROGRAMMING TO NATIONAL FIRST PROGRAM (ARD).

2. PROGRAM, BUDGETED AT \$40,000, WILL DEAL WITH U.S. INTERESTS, POLICY AND STRATEGY IN THE PACIFIC. IMPLICIT IN THE PROGRAM CONCEPT IS THAT IT WILL BE AN EXAMINATION OF U.S. PACIFIC ROLE "AFTER VIETNAM."

3. PRESUMING THAT BRIEFINGS AND FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE AT SEVERAL LOCATIONS CAN BE ARRANGED, BERG WILL SPEND FIVE WEEKS ON PROJECT BEGINNING IN MID-SEPTEMBER.

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CENTRAL SPOTS FOR ORIENTATION AND SHOOTING WOULD BE

CINCPAC, GUAM, AND OTHER LOCATIONS IN THE TRUSTEESHIP, THE MARIANNAS AND/OR AMERICAN SAMOA. BERG MENTIONS, FOR EXAMPLE, THE CAROLINES, THE MARSHALLS, YAP AND PALAU. PARTICULAR FOCUS WOULD BE ON U.S. DEFENSE/ STRATEGIC ROLE IN PACIFIC, BUT U.S. CIVILIAN (I.E., INTERIOR DEPARTMENT) POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES IN U.S. PACIFIC TERRITORIES WOULD ALSO BE COVERED. WHILE BERG AND CREW PREPARED TO HANDLE AND FUND OWN TRAVEL, THEY MAY NEED TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE FROM U.S.G. TO REMOTE LOCATIONS NOT SERVICED BY REGULAR FLIGHTS.

4. BERG, AN OLD ASIAN HAND (SEE BELOW), IS OPEN TO, AND INDEED HAS REQUESTED, GUIDANCE, SUGGESTIONS AND ORIENTATION AS WELL AS BRIEFINGS AT U.S. BASES IN PACIFIC. HE HOPES, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT CINCPAC WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE DESIRED FOOTAGE ON SEVENTH FLEET. HE IS CONSIDERING WHETHER PASSING THROUGH WASHINGTON (FOR STATE DEPARTMENT AND INTERIOR DEPARTMENT CALLS) WOULD BE USEFUL, THOUGH WOULD NOT DO SO UNLESS PROGRAM CONTENT WOULD BE ENHANCED.

5. BERG IS KNOWN TO EMBASSY AS SERIOUS, INFORMED PRODUCER, WITH SOLID REPUTATION IN GERMANY AS ASIAN AND PACIFIC EXPERT. FROM 1952 THROUGH 1967 BERG WAS NEW DELHI BUREAU CHIEF COVERING MOST OF ASIA. HE COVERED ASIAN AFFAIRS 1967-70 FROM HONG KONG. HE IS NOW ASIAN EDITOR OF NDR, OVERSEEING THE PRODUCTION OF SIX TO SEVEN DOCUMENTARIES ON ASIA AND THE PACIFIC ANNUALLY.

6. BERG HAS CALLED UPON USIS AND DEFENSE ATTACHE IN BONN. A PARALLEL REQUEST FOR BRIEFINGS AND FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE IS BEING TRANSMITTED FROM KLAUS BOELLING, FRG STATE SECRETARY FOR PRESS AND INFORMATION, THROUGH THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, TO DOD.

7. WILL ADVISE FURTHER DETAILS THIS PROJECT AS THEY BECOME KNOWN.

8. REQUEST ADDRESSEES INDICATE WILLINGNESS AND EXTENT
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OF ASSISTANCE AND SUGGESTIONS FOR BRIEFINGS AND FILM COVERAGE.
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